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Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [5]

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TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTHS.

At No. 6, Yuen-ming-yuen Buildings,
Shanghai, on the 3rd inst., the wife of V. HOCK,
of a son.

At Shanghai, on the 5th instant, the wife of
A. P. de CAMPOS, of a son.

DEATHS.

At Ningpo, on the 28th February, NICHOLAS
SMITH, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, aged
37 years.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 4th
March, PAUL GERASCH, boatwain H.I.M.'s
gunboat *Illia*.

At Padua, (Italy), on the 4th instant, Com-
mandatore ANTONIO PERTILE, Professor at the
University, and father of Mr. Pertile of Singa-
pore. Aged 65 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1895.

"BY THEIR WORKS YE SHALL
KNOW THEM."

STRANGE indeed are the peculiar ideas
people have, in many instances, of cor-
porations in general and of the duties of the
executive officers and of the comparative
values of their services in particular. "A
Shareholder" in a letter addressed to the
N. C. Daily News the other day poured forth
frothy lamentations *ad nauseam*, because
the executive officers of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the

close of a period of exceptional prosperity,
achieved, too, in one of the worst financial
periods the modern business world has
ever known, have accepted an incre-
ment to their fees and to the salaries
of the Bank's employees. This self-con-
stituted champion of the shareholders'
grievances does not, luckily, represent the
vast majority of the fortunate possessors
of the big Bank's scrip and, so far as his
hysterical cries for fair play are concerned,
his childish pleas may be safely ignored.
But when he seeks to belittle the gentleman
who has been, and still is, closely identified
with the Bank's career and its remarkable
prosperity, and writes down the whole
Court of Directors as labourers unworthy
of their hire, he steps upon ground every
foot of which the *Telegraph* is prepared to
contend with him inch by inch, for,
according to this croaker's line of
argument the Court is merely a sort of
scape-goat or target which the share-
holders are free to fire at and on whose
shoulders can be placed the responsibility
for all and every misfortune, while it
is in no wise to be credited with a display
of exceptional business acumen—no
matter how brilliant its achievements—
neither are its members to reap the reward
of years of devotion to the share-
holders' interests. They are merely the
guarantee of respectability which
corporations require in their primary
constitution, but never count for anything in
the real work and conduct of the corporation,
especially if such be a bank. This shows
how little this shareholder knows or
understands of a well conducted, sound
banking institution and particularly so of
the one in question, with its numerous
branches, sub-agencies and ramifications,
extending the sphere of its action all over
the globe.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is
fortunate in the possession of a manager of
great ability and rare devotion to his
special work, and one who has established a
very brilliant record, and the shareholders
and depositors are to be congratulated
on having on its Board, as advisers,
leading business men who rank
among the shrewdest financiers of the
Colony—men who are presumably sub-
stantially interested in the institution, and
who therefore leave no stone unturned
to insure permanent success and who
eschew the cheese-paring policy of those
who make themselves ridiculous by being
a penny wise and a pound foolish. It is
neither probable, nor consistent with the
present condition of the bank and its
enviable position in public confidence, to
suppose that these able business men are
allowing this great institution to move
along without maintaining an intimate
knowledge of its affairs. With the
enormous responsibility of their posi-
tions ever in view, were they to
fall in this respect their course
would be foolhardy, suicidal, nay, even
criminal; particularly with the warnings
of the past few years fresh in their
memories, and the records of other finan-
cial institutions that have, in recent years,
joined the "Great Majority." We say,
therefore, that great as may be the credit
due to a Chief Manager, the Directors
are, after all, the backbone of an insti-
tution and it is they chiefly, who insure the
confidence of the public. It is, of course, not
within the province of the directors indi-
vidually to supervise the running machinery
of the big bank, except in a general
way. That is the duty so efficiently
performed by the Chief Manager, Mr.
THOMAS JACKSON; but it is the duty
of each Director to pass upon and
sanction the enormous investments of
the bank, in whatever form these
may be made. If all the directors
collectively and individually do but per-
form conscientiously and continuously
this one duty, there need be no fear
for the safety of a banking institution. To
render this a welcome task, as well as
an imperative one, it is desirable to make
the compensation of the directors as sub-
stantial as the business of the institution
from time to time justifies. No disburse-
ment is, we think, more wisely made than
that appropriated for this purpose;
for "the labourer is worthy of his hire." A
bank, above all institutions, needs
business men on its Board who have
wide and thoroughly practical
experience in the modern system of
investments; and as two heads are often
better than one, boards of directors,
or Consulting Committees, are invariably
formed to conduct the business of
large financial institutions and of impor-
tant public companies. Directors' duties,
if conscientiously performed, are extremely
important, irksome and practically invalu-
able, and the fees paid to them, in most
cases, are ridiculously out of proportion to
the services rendered. And, so far as the
remuneration to the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank directors is concerned, we
take leave to add that we think the limit
should not yet be considered as reached.

We congratulate the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank—which, by the way, needs
no special commendation at our hands any
more than do other local banking insti-
tutions—on the splendid results achieved
through exemplary management and the
loyal and cordial co-operation of its army of
employees all the world over; and we have
no hesitation whatever in condemning the
remarks of the blatant Shanghai share-
holder as unjustifiable, ill-advised and
idiotic. "By their fruits ye shall know them,"
and by their fruits—the last balance sheet
—are the Directors of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank known. "The proof
of the pudding is in the eating" and it
is, indeed, a selfish man who, metaphori-
cally speaking, would deny the Directors
a fair share of the rich pudding recently
served up for the whole
body of shareholders. "Live and let
live" is a grand principle on which to go
through life, and we therefore commend
it to the snarling correspondent whose
contemptible diatribe has called forth much
righteous indignation from all sorts and
conditions of men in the Far East.

TELEGRAMS.

LORD ROSEBERRY'S CONDITION.
LONDON, March 12th.
Lord Roseberry continues weak and depressed.

THE ABYSSINIAN DIFFICULTY.

The *Times* correspondent at Rome says that
France is arming and strengthening the
Abyssinian army as a dangerous course, as France
in 1893 recognized that Abyssinia and its
dependencies, including Harar, were within the
Italian sphere of influence.

THE ORIENTAL WAR.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)
A SENSATIONAL MEMORIAL.

PEKING, March 3rd.
Another Censor, following An Wei-chia's
footsteps, has been making a sensation by pre-
sents a memorial, written with his blood,
appealing to the Emperor to sweep away the
traitors now holding the most important trusts
in the government of the Empire. It is reported
that several of the highest positions, including a
Prince, have been denounced. The memorial
in question was a secret one and was sealed,
and intended for the Emperor's eye alone, but,
so-chow, a good deal has leaked out, although
his Majesty has made no reply so far.

THE NUCLEUS OF THE NEW
CHINESE ARMY.

PEKING, March 3rd.
Hu Yu-fen commander yesterday enrolling
extra troops to be placed under his command.
One battalion of mounted carabineers,
two battalions of horse artillery, five battalions of
infantry, and one battalion of sappers and miners.
Each battalion, in addition to their usual arms,
is to have two machine guns attached to it.
Hu Yu-fen had three battalions of infantry,
originally, as guards of the Grain Commissioner
Department. These will be incorporated with
the new brigade. When enrollment is com-
pleted the whole force will march at once for
Shanghai. The brigade will be under
foreign officers, of which the German and Hanseatic,
it is reported, will be appointed a chief.

INCREASING DISORDER.

TIEN-TSIN, March 4th.
The disturbances among the soldiers are
increasing. One General in Shantung province,
in attempting to suppress pillaging, was beheaded
by the soldiers. Similar troubles in Honan are
reported to have been suppressed. Liao-yang,
near Moukden, has probably been taken by the
Japanese.

THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

PEKING, March 4th.
After a great deal of tedious telegraphing
through the U.S. Minister the text of the Viceroy
Li Hung-chang's credentials has been accepted.
Japan will now refrain from putting any diffi-
culties in the way of the Envoy's travelling.

LI HUNG-CHANG SPEAKS OUT.

In the course of an audience with the Emper-
ess-Dowager, Viceroy Li Hung-chang spoke frankly
as to the state of the Empire. [No more details
referring to the war are published in the *Peking
Gazette*.]

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

TIEN-TSIN, March 4th.
The successor of Hu Yu-fen, as the Chief
of the Commission of the Imperial Army is to be the
Viceroy of Chihli, Ch'ien. The four Com-
missioner departments of the various brigades of
the Slang Army in Manchuria will also, according
to instructions from the War Council at Peking,
be consolidated and placed under the Chihli
Treasury. Hu Yu-fen is to go into active service
in the field without delay.

THE PEACE MISSION.

TIEN-TSIN, March 5th.
The Viceroy Li Hung-chang left Peking to-
day and proceeds by steamer direct from
Tientsin to Shimonoseki, where the Japanese
Government expects him to transship to
Hiroshima. Mr. Foster will join the Viceroy
there.

Li Hung-chang had his 5th Imperial Audience
yesterday, the Empress-Dowager being present.
The Privy Council heavily support the peace
mission, Prince Kung opposing all opposition by
presenting a document showing the failure of the
Chinese was due to the backward policy for
which they were themselves alone to blame,
and exonerating Li Hung-chang.
The power to negotiate, which have been con-
ferred on Li Hung-chang, are believed to be
complete, his commission being signed by the
Emperor.

GULF OF PECHILI NOT TO BE
BLOCKADED.

TOKIO, March 5th.
There is no foundation for any rumour that
the Japanese Government contemplate a
blockade of the Gulf of Pechili.

THE PEACE MISSION.

TIEN-TSIN, March 6th.
Li Hung-chang is expected to arrive from
Peking this afternoon.

GENERAL SUNG WOUNDED.

News received this morning from Manchuria
states that General Sung was seriously wounded
in the last battle on the 2nd instant, near New-
chwang. Severe fighting is going on around
Liao-yang hills (south) between General Tang
Jen-lan and Tartar-General Chang's troops
against the enemy. Losses on both sides,
especially on the 2nd, reported to be heavy.
Liao-yang is still safe.

LI HUNG-CHANG EXONERATED.

TIEN-TSIN, March 6th.
The Emperor completely exonerated Li Hung-
chang. He confessed having tried others yet
found him alone trustworthy and therefore
grants him the fullest powers to deal with the
Japanese and to control off it.

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

The Government publicly assumes entire
responsibility for the wretched condition of the
national defence, which it acknowledges to be
the result of *Shanghai* in the progress of other
nations. This, of course, places future reforms
in the hands of Li Hung-chang.

CHINESE PREPARATIONS.

PEKING, March 7th.
Extensive preparations have been going on at
Peking, 100 N. north, and at Ch'iao, 120 N
south of Tientsin, on the Ch'iao sea coast, to
strengthen the forts there with everything neces-
sary to make a stout resistance. The troops are
under well known General and it is expected
they will make a stout resistance and have the
same objective. A very large number of soldiers
were ordered to leave and were in order to
wherever Li Hung-chang, with the Tientsin
volunteer army of thirty thousand, under the

well-known Tientsin veteran, Tu'ao Ké chung,
new building Siao-chun (the old quarters of the
Sheng division of General Wei), have received
specific orders to march to the rescue of Ch'iao
whenever called upon.

JAPAN'S NEW MINISTER OF WAR.

YOKOHAMA, March 8th.
Field Marshal Count Yamagata, who drove
the Chinese out of Korea, has been appointed
Minister of War.

MINISTER OF MARINE.

Admiral Count Sigin continues in office as
Minister of Marine.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LAHORE, February 21st.
The Amer. whose health is improving, is
fully determined to visit England.
Last night the Milan Mir garrison gave a fare-
well ball in the Montgomerie Hall, Lahore, to
Lord Frankfort on the eve of his relinquishing
the command of the district. During supper,
Colonel Wilton, of the 4th Pioneers, rose
and proposed the health of the guest of the
evening and Lady Frankfort, in a few
sympathetic sentences, which were warmly
applauded, expressive of the sorrow which all
felt in parting from a General who was an
deservingly popular. Lord Frankfort, whose
visit was the signal for prolonged amuse-
ment, made a short and earnest speech, in which he
spoke of his years of service in India, and his
sorrow that he must now part from an army
and commandant and friend, to whose help
and kindness he attributed whatever good work
he had been able to do.

LONDON, February 21st.

Lord Rosebery's general health is slightly
better, but the insomnia still remains very
obstinate.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 27th.

M. de Stael, at present Ambassador for Russia
to the Court of St. James, has been offered the
portfolio of Foreign Affairs. The English press
look upon this appointment as of most happy
augurs for the cordiality of future relations
between England and Russia, and are con-
sequently very jubilant in their remarks upon it.

LONDON, February 28th.

Sir Hercules Robinson has been appointed to
the Governorship of the Cape, in succession to
Sir Henry Brougham Lock.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BROADWOOD PIANOS AT W. ROBINSON & CO.

H.M.S. *Mercury*, Captain W. H. Fawkes
arrived at Singapore on the 4th instant.

It is quite "on the cards" that Colonel Penne-
father, of the Inland-Military, will be appointed
Inspector-General of the Straits Police Force.

The British gunboat *Swift*, which left Singa-
pore on the 4th inst., arrived here this afternoon.
Her destination is Tientsin, where she relieves
the *Linnet*.

Sir Saul Samuel, who has represented the
colony of New South Wales in England for a
number of years, is about to be retired on account
of old age.

Office Boy: "Two men wanchee see you—one
'blone' poet, and 'other 'blong 'feaf man."
Editor: "Well, go out and tell the poet that
the deaf man is the Editor."

The British steamer *Merlonchikher*, Capt. D.
Davies, which arrived here late last night from
London, brought out a cargo of munitions of war
for the local naval authorities.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618,
S.C., will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zealand
Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.
Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

New Comic Song and Dance Albums at W.
Robinson & Co.

The peculiar Chinese policy makes it better
for Chinese generals to surrender than to escape.
If they surrender they are treated as prisoners
of war; if they escape off come their heads.

CAPT. COPE-SMITH, A.D.C. to the Viceroy of
India, has been appointed Assistant Commandant
of the two hundred Sikhs who are about to be
recruited in India for service in East Central
Africa.

CAPT. HUNTER, formerly of the steamer *Bowen*,
has been discharged owing to his having run the
steamer *Lady Mitchell* on a rock in the Banca
Straits. The vessel was, however, able to pro-
ceed to Singapore, where she has been docked.

News has reached Shanghai from Peking to the
effect that Mr. G. Dering's connection with the
Imperial Maritime Customs Service has been
severed and that he has been appointed Director-
General of the Keping Mines and North China
Railways.

As we confidently predicted in our last issue
would be the case, the British schooner *Cable*
Curtis, Capt. J. Raymond, who was despatched
about two months ago to the scene of the wreck
of the German steamer *Belona*, returned
to Hongkong this morning from North Reef
(Paracel Group).

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson
& Co.

On the 8th instant the steamer *Devawongta*,
while making for her buoy in Swatow harbour,
foaled the Douglas Co.'s steamer *Thalia*, which
was moored to Mowra, Lantien, Matheson &
Co.'s buoy. The *Devawongta* smashed up three
of her own boats, but the Douglas liner, accord-
ing to our correspondent, got off scathless and
was, of course, in no way to blame since she
was virtually at anchor while the *Devawongta*
was under way.

The *Straits Maritime Journal* alleges that a
scheme is in existence to start a Chinese Volunteer
Corps at Penang. This move arises from the
fact that the two companies of British troops
there are shortly to be taken away, and the
Chinese are naturally uneasy that no adequate
defence remains in that Settlement. It is
reported that everything has been arranged
except permission from the Governor, who has,
however, been applied to.

Our Swatow correspondent, writing under date
8th instant, reports that at that port of the
Chinese steamer *Trojan* on the 3rd instant. She
left Swatow before daylight on the 4th, destina-
tion unknown. Since she came direct from Swatow,
without touching at any point en route, and as
she is escorted by old Chinese "hands" it is
presumed that she was loaded with munitions
of war, and that she was sent to Swatow
Government's end that she called in at Swatow
with a view to maintaining the whereabouts of
the nearest Japanese cruisers, as well as for
instructions as to where her cargo should be
landed.

W. ROBINSON & Co., piano builders, toners and
repairers.

The Russian gunboat *Grenyastchik*, Commander
Cherkas, attended by the torpedo boat *Sosnorg*,
Capt. Ergonicheff, arrived at Singapore from
Colomb on the 3rd inst. en route to the Far
East.

Mutual Friend:—"It really is shocking, dear,
the way in which you and your husband quarrel
and carry on. I wonder you don't separate" from
him."

Injured Wife:—"What? Go away and leave
him alone to do just as he likes. Not me!"

It is notified that the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to
fix the rate at which the Dollar shall be issued
at Hongkong, the Straits Settlements, and on
the China Station during the quarter commencing
1st April, 1895, at two shillings.

New piano repairing machinery, received by
W. Robinson & Co.

The Sporting League are going to take up the
County Council Elections at home and are
working against the "Progressives" and Pur-
lane, and are becoming an important factor in
the land. There will be something of a waiting
and a quashing of teeth towards the latter end of this
month when some of the Canting Division get
the sacred Order of the boot, or get a "set back"
that will last them a century.

The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society
has received an intimation that the contract for
supplying Chinese coolies for service labour in
Brazil, against which the Society lately entered
a strong protest, has now been withdrawn, and
what about the 1,500 hapless coolies shipped to
Mexico from Macao about two years ago? What
were the terms of their contracts and how many
of them understood their "free labour" contracts?

Mr. Griffiths, M.P. for the Northern Territory
of South Australia, who was here en route to
Japan a few days ago, is reported by a Sydney
paper to have expressed considerable anxiety in
reference to the existence of leprosy amongst the
natives of Alligator River, N.T., and suggested
the quarantining of all those affected on one of
the islands adjacent to the coast. It is believed
that the loathsome disease was introduced by
Malay trading fishers.

FULL stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars,
accompaniments, strings and fittings of all kinds at
W. Robinson & Co.

At No. 9 Police Station this afternoon Chief
Inspector Corcoran, who was accompanied by
several of the Inspectors and Sergeants of the
Force, presented Mrs. Duncan, wife of Acting
Inspector Duncan, with a handsome silver tea
service in the name of the members of the local
Force. Acting Inspector Duncan, in a brief and
polite speech, suitably acknowledged the com-
pliment paid to his "better half" who has, by
her kindly manners and sympathy with all ranks,
endured herself to all with whom she and her
popular husband have come in contact during a
lengthy sojourn in the Colony.

The foreign military attaché (Surgeon-Colonel
Taylor, Col. Weger, Capt. de Buxley, and
Lieut. O'Brien) together with the representatives
of the *Temps*, *Pall Mall Gazette*, *San Francisco
Chronicle*, and *New York Herald* (Messrs.
Laurier, G. W. Ward, Smith, and Henry
O'Shea) returned to Kobe from Wei-hai-wei by
the *Tokio-Maru* on the 29th ult. Lieut. Beacom
(U. S. Army) and Mr. T. Cowen, the *Times*
correspondent, did not accompany them, having
gone round to Chefoo. Surgeon-Colonel Taylor
and Capt. de Buxley proceeded to Tokyo at once,
but at date of latest advice Col. Weger was
staying with Mr. de Wendrich, the Russian
Consul at Kobe, while Lieut. O'Brien was still
at Hiroshima.

The *Elbe* disaster calls to mind many
instances of maritime collisions resulting in
heavy losses going down with all, or nearly all,
on board. The *Utopia* which ran on the ram of
the *Arcton* in Gibraltar Bay, in March, 1891,
with a loss of 564 lives, was the more recent
loss of H.M.S. *Victoria* will be fresh in all
memories. A most disastrous collision occurred
in the English Channel on May 31st, 1878, when
a German ironclad, the *Grosser Kurfürst*, was
rammed and sunk by another warship, the *Kontig
Wilhelm*, and 300 lives were sacrificed. Two ex-
amples, however, seem to afford close parallels; for
March, 1886, the Canadian *Oregon* was run into
off Long Island, approaching New York, by an
unknown schooner. Like the *Elbe*, the schooner
struck amidships, and a huge hole cut in her
side, unlike the *Elbe*, she kept afloat for eight
hours, and a passing steamer rescued all her
passengers and crew. The schooner was never
heard of again. The second parallel is the case
of the *Northfleet*, an emigrant ship bound from
London to Hobart Town which was run into by
the Spanish steamer *Murillo*, and sank in
three-quarters of an hour. With the greatest
inhumanity the *Murillo* backed and stemmed
off, and was only discovered and identified
some time afterwards. This catastrophe was
noteworthy for the splendid conduct of
Captain Knowles, of the *Northfleet*, who stood
over the boats and children, and thus secured
the rescue of the women and children. He
actually shot one man who refused to give way.
Out of 412 passengers, only 84 were saved,
among them Mrs. Knowles, to whom a pension
of £50 was afterwards awarded from the Ch'ili
List in recognition of her husband's bravery.
It is, moreover, worth reminding our readers of
the *Prinze Altes*, run down by the *Byrdell
Castle* (September, 1878), nearly 700 lives lost;
and the *Arcton*, run down by the *Vesta* in 1854,
over 300 being lost.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)

THE NAVAL COURT MARTIAL.

A CONTRADICTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Sir,—With reference to the paragraph which
appeared in your paper of the 11th of March,
in reference to the Court Martial held on ship-
board on board H.M.S. *London*, it was with
surprise that I read the statement therein made
by you as to my having been found drunk in the
Admiral's cabin, and I now contradict it by
saying as follows:—
Being under the influence of drink at 11.10
a.m. on the 25th February on the upper deck
while getting out Torpedo Net Defence.
I shall look for an early contradiction of the
statement made, also to receive a copy of the
paper containing it.

I beg to remain,

Yours truly,
M. J. DELANEY,
Gunner.

H.M.S. *Centurion*.

Hongkong, March 12th, 1895.

(We willingly publish Mr. Delaney's letter.) The
statement that "speaking in my last issue,
you were quoted as saying 'I was found drunk in
the Admiral's cabin,' yesterday by my Commissioned
officers on board the *London*—Ed., H.K.
Telegraph."

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should be carried out, and on the measure of autonomy to be conceded to the Koreans. There can be no doubt that the unfortunate peninsula will be infinitely better governed and far more efficiently protected from Tokio than from Peking; and if the only alteration made is to substitute the effective way of the Mikado for the nominal suzerainty of the Emperor of China, most of us would gladly acquiesce in the change. Transfers of the sort, however, are sometimes attended by incidental complications, and it is easy to conceive circumstances in which serious difficulties might arise in the present case.

Discussing the rumors that Japan may further demand special commercial privileges in the Chinese markets, the *Times* dismisses the idea as altogether unlikely, but thinks it probable a general opening up of her trade may be isolated upon. "Such a step," says the writer, "would be in accordance with Japan's assumed position in this contest as the champion of Western enlightenment against the fossilized barbarism of her adversary. It would therefore afford a legitimate ground for her national pride. At the same time she would have the satisfaction of displaying her generosity very cheaply. With factory labour at a few pence a day, with serviceable coal delivered at the mill at less than 6s. a ton, and with a relatively short distance between her mills and the markets, Japan can probably hold her own against all the world in China. Even if she cannot do so now, she will certainly be able to do so very shortly, and her statement of her commercial position. The only real danger to which the conquerors seem to be all exposed is the danger of prejudicing outside opinion against them by making extravagant demands."

A letter from the Tientsin correspondent of the *Times* printed in the same issue well describes the causes and the completeness of the Chinese collapse. Complete, however, as that collapse now is, it would be injudicious, as the editorial remarks, to a sure that the defensive resources of the great Empire are exhausted for good and all. "It is reported that even now China is making efforts to provide herself with means for her protection in the future. It is strange and it is ominous, if it be true, that Japan is said to regard this natural step as a proof that China is insincere in her overtures for peace. Surely she does not expect her defeated adversary to renounce all possibility of resistance, before that adversary has even learned the term to which she is bidden to assent?"

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

Under the head-line "Late Telegrams" we published in last night's *Telegraph* a few telegrams culled from our Australian exchanges, and we now give a number of interesting items that were "crowded out" of that issue.

LONDON, February 12th.

It is understood that the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has shown privately to members of the House of Commons the correspondence which passed between Sir George Dibbs and Sir Robert Duff with respect to the nomination of members to the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

His lordship is unwilling to have the correspondence laid upon the table of the House owing to its being of a confidential character.

February 13th.

The correspondence between Sir Robert Duff and Sir George Dibbs shows that the objection raised by the Governor of New South Wales was not to the individuals nominated, but to the number proposed to be sent to the Council. The replies of Sir George Dibbs to the communications of Sir Robert Duff are very strongly worded.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin attended at the bar of the House of Commons to present a petition on behalf of the municipal authorities of Ireland, praying for an amnesty to be granted to Irish political prisoners. The release of these men would, the petition set forth, "remove a just cause of discontent."

The president of the Board of Agriculture was waited upon today by a deputation from merchants and others interested in the importation of live cattle from Australia. They asked that the board's regulations with regard to the landing of live cattle from abroad might be relaxed so far as Australian cattle were concerned. Mr. H. C. Gardner, in reply, said that the matter had been carefully considered, and a decision arrived at that no relaxation of the rules could be allowed.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the Government would not include in their proposed Payment of Members Bill a provision for the payment of the election expenses of members. The Government had no intention of abandoning the Payment of Members Bill, but its introduction depended upon the question of time and money.

MELBOURNE, February 13th.

Little progress has been made in the direction of elucidating the possibilities of retrenchment in the Defence Department. At a meeting of the Ministerial Retrenchment Committee, Colonel Penny spoke in favor of maintaining the military force at its present strength. He pointed out that it was very difficult to get trained men in times of peace, and if there was a war scare, any deficiency in the force would render the authorities and the Government blameable for not keeping an efficient service. Commander Kingsford admitted that our garrisons were not up to modern requirements, but in the absence of better equipment, he was not prepared to recommend that they should be abolished.

The inquest on the bodies of Jane and Jessie Perkins, who were found dead in a house in South Melbourne, was concluded to-day. The jury found that Mrs. Perkins died from heart disease, and her daughter by her own act, from suffocation by the fumes of charcoal.

LONDON, February 13th.

Arrangements have been made for the Emperor William of Germany to open the Baltic and North Sea Canal in June next.

This canal, which was begun early in 1891 by the German Emperor, starts at Holtenau, on the north side of Kiel Bay, and joins the Elbe, 15 miles above its mouth. It is 61 miles long, 200ft. wide at the surface, and 8ft. at bottom, the depth being 28ft. The cost is estimated at £8,000,000.

The Canadian Government have proposed that a joint commission should be appointed to discuss the details in connection with the proposed Pacific cable. It is suggested that three delegates should be appointed—one by Great Britain, one by Canada, and the third by Australia—and that these should meet in London to finally arrange matters.

A portion of the shipment by the R.M.S. *Massilia* arrived in excellent condition, but a portion which was shipped overboarded has arrived waxy.

The trial has commenced in Paris of the leading newspaper writers who are charged with levying blackmail on public companies and politicians.

The Antwerp wool sales were opened yesterday, when 2500 bales were offered, including

2000 bales from Australia. The prices realized were from 211 to 221 per lb.

In the House of Commons to-day Mr. William H. K. Redmond, Parnellite member for East Clare, inquired whether the Government would introduce an Enabling Bill if the Australian colonies determined upon a federal constitution.

Mr. Sydney Charles Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary of the Colonial Office, in reply said that in the event of the colonies adopting a federal constitution the Government would be favourably inclined to introduce a measure to give effect to it.

The crew of a Hull trawler which was wrecked on the Scotch coast near Wigton had a fearful experience.

After reaching the shore they climbed a precipice 50ft. high, and then dug a snow hut, in which they took refuge. When ultimately rescued the whole of the men were found to be paralysed and frostbitten, and it will be necessary for some time of each man to be amputated.

An outcry has recently been raised in France at the contracts for tinned meats for the army being given to foreign firms.

As a result of the agitation a meeting of the French Cabinet was specially summoned, at which it was decided that orders should be given forbidding the acceptance of all tenders from foreign firms for the supply of food to the army.

February 14th.

The People's Rights Party in Russia, which is largely composed of the best men, are indignant at the autocratic claims of the Czar. They have issued a manifesto in which they state that the Emperor Nicholas has killed his popularity, that in claiming autocracy he is digging his own grave, and will soon succumb, and that he has challenged the country to choose between progress and liberty.

The officials of the Colonial Office state that they have not received any proposal from the Canadian Government with respect to the appointment of a joint commission to finally arrange matters in connection with the Pacific cable.

Mr. H. H. Asquith, Home Secretary, replying to the petition from Irish municipal bodies for the release of Irish political prisoners, said that the atrocity of the crimes committed by the prisoners precluded the granting of an amnesty. He promised, however, to have a further consultation with the judges before whom the men were tried.

Terrible distress prevails at Birmingham, where 40,000 unemployed persons have been reduced to a state of starvation. They are asking for help from the municipal funds.

A fire occurred yesterday in a hardware store in the town of Lynn, Massachusetts, America. While the firemen were at work endeavoring to extinguish the flames a terrible explosion took place, which completely rent the building. Six of the firemen fell into the flaming cavity and were burned to death.

The German Reichstag has adopted a motion, submitted by the Socialist section of the members, for the withdrawal of the dictatorial powers at present exercised by the Governor of Alsace-Lorraine.

Reports from Constantinople state that the city is in a disturbed and troubled condition. Murders, which go unpunished, occur daily in the streets, and trade with the interior is completely paralysed.

Berlin reports that grave events have arisen at Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and that Prince Ferdinand has fled into Roumania. The reports have not, however, been confirmed.

The West Australian Development Corporation, which was recently formed with a capital of £50,000, state that they have purchased the Moynton gold mine, and intend to commence operations immediately.

The Gladstone Limited Blacking Gold-mine Company, Coolgardie, has been registered with a capital of £100,000. Mr. Buckland, the promoter of the company, states that the working capital has been subscribed.

The British Chamber of Shipping have complained to the South Australian Agent-General of what they regard as an unjust method of levying duty on excisable goods in Adelaide.

The Australian Mutual Shipping Company declare a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

The shipment of Australian eggs by the R.M.S. *Massilia* has been sold at 9s. per 100. A few were found to be broken.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., February 14th.

The German Government have called the attention of the New Zealand Executive to the fact that arms and ammunition are being exported to Samoa. The Government have, therefore, decided to issue an Order-in-Council, prohibiting the export of arms and ammunition to that place.

Regarding the sensational occurrence at the office of Mr. Campbell, solicitor, when it is alleged a former named Swann fired a revolver at Mr. Campbell, it appears that Mr. Campbell, seeing Swann drawing his revolver, sprang forward and seized the man's wrist before he had time to raise the weapon. A short struggle ensued, during which the revolver went off, the ball striking the division of a glass partition, and entering the end of the wall 18in. from the floor. One of the clerks, hearing the shot, rushed into the room, and wrenched the revolver from Swann. The accused was brought up at the police court to-day, charged with attempting to murder, and the case was remanded. Bail was refused. The brother of the accused prisoner states that the prisoner has carried a revolver for the past four years, ever since three relatives named Pook were murdered on the East Coast by Maoris. Consequently, he claims possession of the weapon. There is no evidence that Swann went into Campbell's office with an evil intent, and the accused denies any intention of firing at or injuring Campbell.

LONDON, February 14th.

Owing to the London demand for Canadian butter having been reduced by one-half, the Canadian Government, with a view to enabling their own producers to compete, have arranged to provide the necessary storage. They have also offered to make advances to growers equivalent to 10s. per lb. on each pound of butter shipped to the United Kingdom. This arrangement, however, is to be only of a temporary character.

Salesmen state that Canadian butter will chiefly arrive in London in July and August, but they do not regard the intended competition as serious.

A movement has been started in the House of Commons for the initiation of a world's conference to legalise the unlimited coinage of silver, and to restore its stability in the currency of the world.

Members on both sides are interested in the movement, among them being Mr. Wilson Lloyd, Conservative member for Wednesbury, and Mr. R. L. Everett, Liberal member for the Woodbridge Division of Suffolk.

MELBOURNE, February 14th.

The board appointed to inquire into the rates of pay of the permanent civil and military forces, and make recommendations for granting of same in all future appointments and promotions, have met in their report. They recommend reductions in the pay of officers, but leave the Imperial officers to be dealt with by Parliament. They also recommend the laying off of the gunboats *Victoria* and *Albert*, so that they could be looked after by the men at the Torpedo Depot. It is suggested that, in view of Australian colonies, some useful action be taken by the colonies to adopt a suitable but inexpensive uniform for commissioned officers of the navy.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Governing Directors for the year ending the 31st December, 1894, for presentation to the shareholders at the ninth ordinary annual general meeting of the Company to be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on Saturday, the 23rd instant:—

To the Shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited.

Gentlemen.—We beg to lay before you our report and balance sheet for the year 1894.

The net profit, including a balance of \$513.30 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$10,205, out of which we propose to pay a dividend of 7 per cent. on the ordinary shares, which will amount to \$3,400, and carry forward \$915 to new profit and loss account.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Fallaston Henderson, who offers himself for re-election as auditor for the ensuing year.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1895.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1894.

Liabilities.	
Cash on Deposit	\$ 8,360.81
Fixed Loans	138,068.49
Fund for Equalization of Dividends	40,400.00
Shareholders' Accounts, Ordinary	134,000.00
Capital Account, Deferred	120,000.00
Profit and Loss	\$254,000.00
	10,205.00
	\$451,124.30

Assets.	
Amount Invested in Property	\$311,441.50
do. on Mortgage	103,835.46
Secured Loans	21,120.20
Amount Invested in Public Companies	2,600.00
Sundry Debtors	2,016.10
Building Materials	470.68
Office Furniture	1,300.00
Cash in Hongkong & Shanghai	
at Bank	\$5,278.25
Petty Cash in hand	33.93
	\$ 8,311.18
	\$451,124.30

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Dr.	
To general charges, repairs, Crown rents, fire insurance, auditor's fees and depreciation	\$ 3,048.90
Remuneration to Governing Directors for management, clerical, and office rent	3,000.00
Dividend of 7 per cent. on \$134,000.00	9,380.00
Balance to new account	915.00
	\$16,343.90

Cr.	
By amount carried forward from 1893	\$ 513.30
Rents, interest, &c., &c.	15,830.61
	\$16,343.90

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Governing Directors.

HART BUCK, Secretary.

I have compared the above statement with the books, vouchers, and securities of the Company and have found the same to be correct.

F. HENDERSON, Auditor.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1895.

A CRUEL CANARD.

Slam has quite enough enemies without Reuter's agency taking upon itself the responsibility of spreading false rumors about her relationships with her watchful foe, says the *Slam Observer*. Whether there is any deep scheme put forward it is as yet too soon to state, but it behooves those who have the best interests of this country at heart to be on their guard against any possible emasculation of French Press in Indo-China have not ceased to advocate the annexation of the whole of Slam, and the local representative of French interests has menacingly hinted that the soldiers and armaments despatched to Madagascar may possibly eventually land somewhere else. The abuse of Slam and everything Siamese for which that journal is notorious has been getting a little more violent of late, and now comes this telegram reporting an absolutely impossible French Press in Indo-China have not ceased to advocate the annexation of the whole of Slam, and the local representative of French interests has menacingly hinted that the soldiers and armaments despatched to Madagascar may possibly eventually land somewhere else. The abuse of Slam and everything Siamese for which that journal is notorious has been getting a little more violent of late, and now comes this telegram reporting an absolutely impossible

Our thanks are due to our Singapore contemporary for scorching the lie on the spot, but a telegram spread broadcast over the world, supplied to editors possessing less knowledge of the facts of the case than does our colleague at Singapore, cannot but exert a sinister influence, and there can be no doubt that that, and that alone, is the reason for its having been supplied to Reuter. We have seen often enough the means by which France proceeds when she desires to pick a quarrel, and this looks very much like one of her methods. Since all the world knows that the Siamese—more the shame of it!—have now no right on the left bank of the Mekong, France expects to arouse the sympathy of the world (as a preparatory to any forward step that may be decided upon at any future time) by means of the false statements of the expressions of the Commissioner of Laos Phrabang and of conflicts such as that under review. Kham Muong, be it noted, is evidently the very place from which Phra Yot was ejected, and which he with all his following left in the undisturbed possession of the French so far back as May, 1893. As for the right bank, there is not a Siamese force within 60 miles of the nearest point on the river to Kham Muong, and it is not at all likely that a detachment should have been sent all that way merely for the purpose of attacking a French force stationed in its own territory. The fact is that the conflict, if any have taken place—the whole story might be false just as well as a part—has been between some of the French soldiers and the people of the district, whom they know so well how to oppress, and so ill how to govern. The attempt to throw the blame upon the Siamese is as cowardly as it is cunning.

FOOT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites acts both as food and medicine. It not only gives flesh and strength by virtue of its own nutritious properties, but creates an appetite for food the building up the emulsion is in my opinion an excellent and valuable compound. I have given it to consumptive patients and have been delighted with the results obtained. It is pleasant to the taste and can be borne by the most sensitive stomach.—E. A. RODWAY, M.D., Butter-Knower, Darlington. Any Chemist can supply it.—Sole Agents for Hongkong and Shanghai:—Watkins & Co., Hongkong.

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Today's Advertisements.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 12th March, 1895. [333]

NOTICE. THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. H. HOPPIUS in Our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. SIEMSEN & Co. [352]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Governing Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1894.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, HART BUCK, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. [353]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship.

"FORMOSA." Captain T. P. Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on "THURSDAY, the 14th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. [354]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MERIONETHSHIRE," FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, 12th March, 1895. [357]

Intimations. "DERMATOL," MANUFACTURED BY FARMWORKS, HICHERT (S.M.), its effect in stimulating the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal administration against diarrhoea, is described as amazing.

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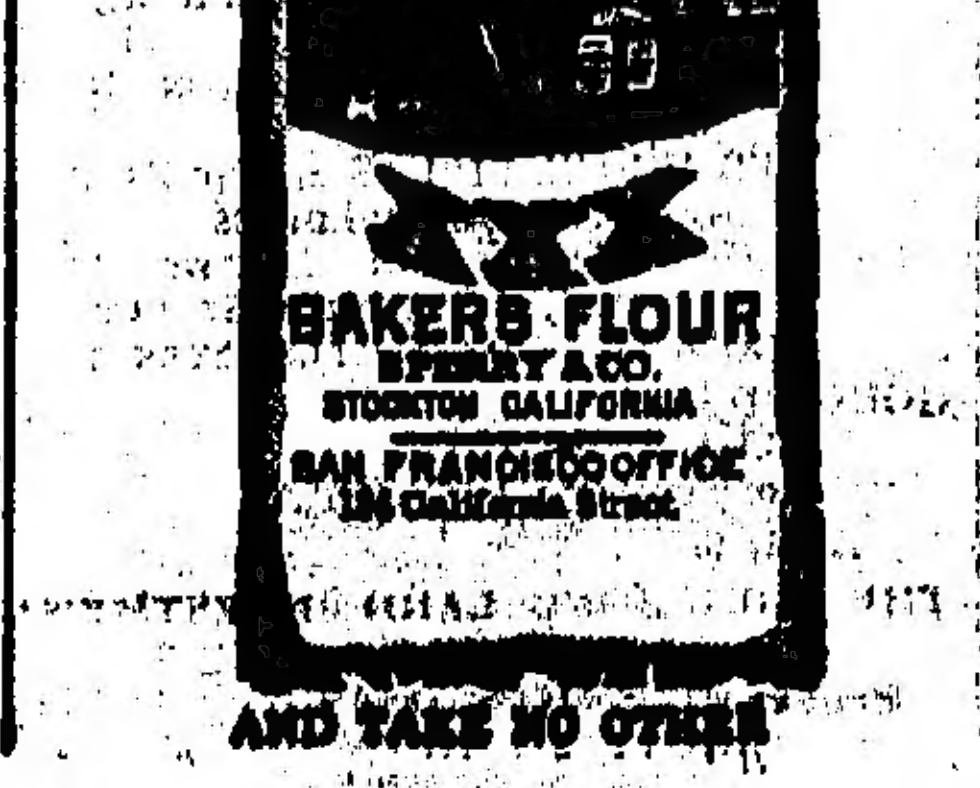
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To be had at every reputable Chemist and Druggist. Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export Import and Bank Company, Raffles Place, Singapore. Beware of spurious imitations. Hongkong, 14th April, 1894. [446]

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER. TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN Ice-House Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as he believes, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED in the Colony or in any part of the Far East. GROUPS AND VIEWS a specialty. Hongkong, 22nd September, 1894. [359]

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